

Key elements of Federal Bay-Delta Work Plan:

- **Federal-State Partnership:** agencies **reaffirm the federal partnership with the State of California** and the federal government's commitment to coordinate its actions with those of the state
 - **Most important is our joint work to produce the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP):** BDCP is the most significant effort currently underway to address critical long-term water issues in California. The federal government is fully committed to the BDCP process and will more fully engage in it going forward.
 - We will ensure that federal actions complement and coordinate with recently enacted California water legislation.
 - We will complete a complementary Federal-State Work plan by February 2010.
- **Smarter Water Supply and Use:** agencies will work together to **encourage the smarter supply and use of Bay-Delta water**. Agencies will
 - facilitate permitting and construction of the Delta-Mendota and California Aqueduct Intertie,
 - enhance water transfers,
 - improve scientific knowledge of turbidity and Delta smelt,
 - based on phase one of NAS study, determine whether there is more flexibility regarding water delivery that is consistent with scientific needs.
 - intensify and align Federal water conservation efforts with those of the State's. The Federal agencies also will work closely with the State in developing mid and longer-term infrastructure options that can potentially address the chronic conflicts that led the Delta Vision report commissioned by the Governor to conclude that current water supply strategies are unsustainable in the face of the Bay-Delta ecosystem collapse, climate change impacts and seismic risks.
- **Ensure Healthy Ecosystems and Improve water quality:** agencies will work together on programs and projects to **ensure healthy Bay-Delta ecosystems**. Recognizing that Delta restoration will require a robust watershed approach, agencies will:
 - conduct independent scientific reviews of scientific questions relating to the Bay-Delta biological opinions,
 - investigate and mitigate other stressors affecting Bay-Delta species,
 - accelerate restoration and propagation of Delta smelt and other aquatic species,
 - advance ecosystem restoration projects,
 - continue construction of fish screens, and
 - address climate change.
- **Drought Relief Services and Integrated Flood Risk Management:** agencies will work together to **help deliver drought relief services and ensure integrated flood risk management**, including the prioritization of projects and activities for flood risk management and related levee stabilization projects and navigation.

